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THE BULL-FIGHTS in France have been rather unlucky, and to retrieve their pastime and attract the public it is proposed to engage female matadors to fight the animal.

THE WANDERING ITALIAN prefers California as a place of residence. It has plenty of wine and sunshine, but for good, steady leading he invariably finds that there is no place like home.

A SNAKE WINDING UP into the clouds is accepted as the happiest description of the Himalayan Railway that has just been opened. It is said to have steeper grades and sharper curves than any other track in existence.

"HAULED MEALERS," is the term adopted by the excessively high-toned visitants of Mt. Desert for such lions as lodge at a distance from the place where they feed. This must be a specimen of what the philosopher Emerson praises as "under-statement."

THE MORE a German knows, the more he seems to doubt, and now there are some so learned that they even dare to question whether Dr. Schleimann's great find is the veritable Homeric Troy. A few of the Harvard boys should go right over and settle it.

THE CREAM-COLORED BRIDEMAIDS commands the London market. All devices for wedding adornments seem to have been exhausted, and as nothing new is possible, the brides bend to fate, and merely decide whether there shall be ten or only eight cream-colored bridemaids.

JERSEY CITY has lately had a run of most remarkable items. The latest is that of a man of four-score years who thrashed his wife of three-score years nearly to death, threw her down stairs and then ran away. Such a revision of John Anderson is not to be commended.

A DEALER in "historic" furniture complains that the business is wearing on the mind. The other day he had fixed up his chronology carefully upon a Mary Stuart chair, but an unlucky run of literary people came and he had to work it off as a genuine "Hannah More."

FINLAND IS HARDLY the place we would look to for an example of moral reform, and yet it is claimed that a much-needed lesson on public duty can be learned from that country. All ex-convicts are there immediately supplied with employment, either in certain well-organized manufactories or in industrial institutions. The latter are so effectively managed that parents frequently send refractory children to them as reformatories.

AMONG THE MANY PATIENTS of this heart-wringing city, there is none perhaps more affecting than to see women and children, singly or in quiet groups, stealing through the evening darkness toward those well-known signal stations where the sad story of the White House is written from hour to hour, and then, after scanning the few lines with anxious care, wending their way back again through the silent street to await the tidings of the morning.

CASA LUENTARO ROMANTICALLY overlooks the blue Adriatic. The position is very lovely, but the hillside occasionally caves in and carries a part of the town with it. The unbending citizens sit content, awaiting calmly for their turn. In this country we take things differently, and when the villagers of Niobrara found that a Nebraska gully was an unpleasantly damp situation, they picked up their houses and set them down again in the same relative position on higher land.

THE ST. LOUIS Republican, discoursing ancient Howgate and Flipper, remarks that "the Republican party is capable of growing a very big crop of scoundrels in four months." Well, hasn't the process, according to your view, been going on for several years? And haven't you repeatedly exhorted the people to put an end to it all by electing a Democratic administration? But one other inquiry suggests itself to us, and that is: Why, in your judgment, do the people reject your exhortations and cling to what you call their "Republican scoundrels?"

THE GREAT PUBLIC SORROW has drawn the nation together into one family, and a thrill of domestic joy runs with a quick electric flash through the mighty household at the simple message: "Mrs. Garfield is taking her evening drive." Within those plain words is a story that we all know—how the warm heart of the suffering husband tenderly grieves over her much-tried strength, and that in danger she is ever at his bedside, and no bulletin signed by authority sends such assurance of comfort through the land as that simple event of domestic life.

SINGULAR HOW A NATIONAL CALAMITY wipes out bigotry and prejudice? During the late campaign, no paper in the country indulged in more gratuitous abuse of Gen. Hancock than the Indianapolis Journal. Experiencing a change of heart, it now says:

General Hancock proves himself to be more of a patriot and gentleman every day. While there hangs over the country the painful possibility of a change in the Presidential office, some little souls busy themselves with the effort to create prejudice and distrust toward the Vice-President. It is telegraphed from Boston that while on route for Portland, General Hancock was asked his opinion of General Arthur, and he replied that "he was an able, patriotic, high-minded gentleman, and, in the event of his being called to the Chief Magistracy, would discharge the duties with but one purpose, that of benefiting the entire country, and that the people may rely on his judgment with absolute confidence." This is the uniform testimony of all who know the Vice-President, and the estimate has been borne out by the delicacy and propriety with which he has conducted himself throughout a crisis in which he has occupied a more trying position than ever before fell to the lot of a public man in this country.

If this "patriot and gentleman" should be the next nominee of his party, the Journal would resume work on its mud machine.

UP TO THE HOUR OF THIS WRITING the tendency of all reports from the bedside of our wounded President had been steadily favorable. Of course, the enfeebled and enfeebled condition of the patient tends to give extraordinary significance to all symptoms, whether for the better or the worse; but the signs of improvement during the last thirty hours would have been extraordinary even in a case much less desperate than the President's seemed to be on Saturday. A gentleman who has access to the sick-room, informed us this morning that, familiar as he was with the effect of gunshot wounds, and wide as was his experience in their treatment, he had never witnessed a rally equal to that of the President since midnight Saturday. "I see," he continued, "that in your extra of yesterday you say, speaking of this wonderful rally, that there is 'apparently no pathological reason for it,' and intimate your belief that there may be something miraculous about it. Now, of course, there must be a pathological reason for every development, one way or the other, in any case of illness or injury. But in this case I grant you the reason is not easily apparent. It will, however, certainly be discovered as the case progresses."

Just now the disposition of the surgeons seems to be to attribute the sudden gain of vital energy, upon which all subsequent symptoms of improvement have been based, to a supreme effort of will on the part of the patient himself, and probably this is as near a correct diagnosis as ever will be reached. To be sure, the danger point is by no means passed, because the margin of resource upon which the resolute patient may draw for physical strength to carry out the mandates of his determined spirit is narrow. Even as we write, tidings come of signs of fluctuation slightly in the other direction, but relatively not to an alarming extent. The chances are that the progress of the case, even in the event of a generally steady improvement, will be marked by occasional apparent sinkings.

The President is battling with as formidable an array of injuries and complications as ever human being made head against, and the balance of forces is so even that the struggle cannot but be uncertain and fluctuating. But we draw all cheer from the reflection of an esteemed contemporary this morning to the effect that a man capable of such a rally as the President has made from such a depth was not born to die in such a fashion! We hope and believe that this comforting assurance is true.

IT HAS BEEN alleged that some, but negroes and Republicans are victims of the Virginia whipping post. Judge W. G. Riley, an eminent Virginia lawyer, who has sat upon the bench in that State, declares that it often became his province to have thirty and nine stripes administered to Democrats, and his only regret was that he did not have it in his power to have every Democrat in the State flogged.

CZAR PETER, in his stern determination to educate his young bear-cub of a nation, lifted his capital from the settled barbarism of Moscow into the new life of St. Petersburg. It is a singular revelation that now leads his assassin-haunted successor to seek a refuge in ever-faithful, conservative Moscow.

OCCASIONALLY WE GROW CRANKS in Ireland. It is said that the postmaster at Cincinnati received a letter from Ireland, addressed, "Postmaster 'Saint Sin at Her'." The Irishman who wrote that must have thought we had imported a fresh lot of saints over here.

WHERE'S THE HOWGATE? Jere Wilson is dubious and Gen. Hazen fears he has skipped. Let the bondsmen answer the question.

More Secession.
 Southern California is likely to fall out with the Northern States. The rights of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Inyo and Kern are anxious to get up home-keeping for themselves, and to this end are to send delegates to a State division convention soon to meet at Los Angeles. A San Francisco paper says that the opinion that nothing will come out of the agitation since the matter must ultimately come before Congress, where the united East would oppose a division. No more Senators in the West would be the voice of formidable Rhode Island and Delaware.

Ungrateful Monarchies.
 Chicago News.
 It is said that republics are ungrateful, but what greater exhibition of ingratitude could be manifested than is shown by the English people to the matter of subscriptions to the public monument to Lord Beaconsfield. The party sum of \$5,000 has, after a prolonged effort, been obtained. The sum mentioned I said to be sufficient for the monument, but a good deal of talent tribute it is to the memory of poor Disraeli!

A Great Explorer.
 Indianapolis Journal.
 It is thought the deflations and embolisms of Capt. Howgate may reach \$100,000. He is about as Arctic an explorer into the Government Treasury as the country has seen for some time, if he half be true that is charged against him.

Is This a Precedent?
 While Wade Hampton was governor of South Carolina he suffered the breaking of his leg. In a proclamation the governor announced his disability, and the Hon. ant-governor, W. D. Simpson, assumed the duties of the office, acting until Governor Hampton's recovery.

Strong at the Bar.
 Chicago Inter-Ocean.
 The Gazette says: "The Cincinnati bar was never more marked by talent than at the present time." Cincinnati has always been marked with a good deal of talent. That is, where they clank up the drinks.

How Long will It Last?
 New York Tribune.
 In the shadow of a great national bereavement factional discussions in the Republican party fade out of sight. He who seeks to revive them for his personal advantage might as well try to row up Niagara Falls.

Force of Habit.
 Boston Post.
 It is said that a girl who wears number two shoes as beautiful as those can be secured into believing almost every little bit of wood or stone she sees is a mouse.

A Suggestion to Whittaker.
 Omaha Republican.
 Cadet Whittaker proposes to lecture. He should begin in the classical style: "Friends, countrymen, lovers, lend me your ears."

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